

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
March 14, 2023
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held March 14th, 2023 at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:29 P.M. by Supervisor Julie Osborn. Those present were Supervisor Julie Osborn, Clerk Shellie Reed, Trustees Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green, and Chuck Van Hoorn and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Trustee Becky Brandt was absent. Guest present was Shelly Buettner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn reviewed the requirements of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act detailed in the March 2023 Perspective Magazine. We will be discussing potential residents and dates for first meeting.

Lobby day for state legislature is April 26, if anyone is interested in attending.

Perspective Magazine reviewed importance of cleaning out files. We will address this later in the year.

CLERK'S REPORT: Reminder, Economic Interest Statements are due May 2.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following work was done: stolen street signs at 2175 and 2275 were replaced; tree trimming was done; ditch was cleaned on 2350th Street; corn stalks were plowed after the rains moved cornstalks onto the road; Goodman's hauled CA6 white rock; all maintenance work is completed but no final bill has been received.

John Griffith with the Commerce Commission called about the railroad crossing at 2100th Avenue removed by the railroad. Documentation from 1982 said the gates are supposed to be there so the railroad will put up new crossing gates which will have a key for the farmers to access as well as Wes. New signage may be necessary but that has not been determined yet.

Barricades for cemetery narrow road – No news.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: March 6 there was a burial for Marge Yeast; 3 people have reached out to inquire for buying spaces but have not completed purchases; there is a burial pending in summer – date to be determined; Cemetery Advisory Board is cancelled for March.

Cemetery Walk – an inquiry was made by the library about doing a cemetery walk Memorial Day weekend. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to allow a cemetery walk hosted by the library. Trustee

Van Hoorn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to approve allowing the library to hold a cemetery walk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Columbarium Plan of Action – no update as Trustee Brandt was absent.

Budget – The proposed Township Budget was reviewed. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to approve the Township Budget for posting. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: none; Trustee Brandt was absent. The motion carried and the Township Budget was approved for posting.

The proposed Road and Bridge Budget was reviewed. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Budget for posting and approval. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: none; Trustee Brandt was absent. The motion carried and the Road and Bridge Budget was approved for posting.

NEW BUSINESS:

McGrath Law Office – Supervisor Osborn presented the retainer contract for McGrath Law Office. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve retaining McGrath Law Office for legal services. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to retain McGrath Law Office for legal services as needed.

Laptop Purchase – Discussion was held on purchasing a new laptop for the cemetery records. Additional information is needed regarding the database program for converting to a new computer. Tabled until more information is received.

Annual Town Meeting Agenda – the agenda was presented to the board for review. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Electronic Recycling – E-cycling will be held June 3. Once the contract is received, fees to charge will be determined.

Records Security – discussion was held on the cemetery records and potentially scanning them to be digital as a back-up. Tabled until more information is received.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS: Board Members reviewed the bills to be paid. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the financial report and paying of the bills. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: none; Trustee Brandt was absent. The motion carried and bills were authorized for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: County Township Dinner – Trustee Wertheim reported on the Annual County Township Dinner/Meeting March 15. As next in line, Atlanta Township will be hosting the 2024 dinner/meeting. Supervisor Osborn said once we receive the informational book from Aetna Township, we will begin planning.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk